The private colleges affiliated to the universities follow the guidelines issued by the universities with which they are affiliated. However, recently the Supreme Court, in its judgement in T.M.A. Pai foundation & Others *Versus* State of Karnataka & Others Case has, *inter-alia*, pronounced that, in professional unaided institutions, a rational fee structure should be adopted by the Management, which would not be entitled to charge a capitation fee. Appropriate machinery can be devised by the State or university to ensure that no capitation fee is charged and that there is no profiteering, through institutions may be permitted to accumulate a reasonable surplus for furtherance of education. This matter is challenged & subjudice at present.

Vacancies in Indian Institutes of Technology

609. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 150 vacancies exist in seven prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology at present, affecting the teaching there adversely;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not filling vacancies in these institutes; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to fill vacant posts at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) Selection of Faculty in IITs is a continuing process. Faculty positions in IITs keep getting vacant due to retirement or IIT faculty moving out to other academic and research institutions in leadership positions etc. But these are also getting filled up on a regular basis. Selection of faculty in IITs is a very rigorous process to maintain high standards.

Though there is difficulty in getting competent faculty for the IIT system particularly in some of the disciplines, however, this is not affecting the teaching in the IIT adversely. IITs have been continuously evolving new ways of attracting the retaining quality faculty. IITs have recently started practice of having standing advertisement for inviting applications for faculty positions in the IIT system. They have also taken initiatives of attracting competent academics from universities abroad. A committee set up by the government to review functioning of IITs is specially looking into the issues relating to attracting and retaining high quality faculty in the IIT system, so that IIT continue to get and retain high quality faculty.

Establishment of Institutes for Quality Teaching

610. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission proposes to establish four institutes across the Country, called the Centre for Studies in Integrated Sciences (CSIS), in collaboration with CSIR on the lines of IIT, for promoting quality teaching; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof alongwith financial allocations made for each of the proposed CSIS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has proposed to establish 4 Centres for Studies in Integrated Sciences (CSISs) for promoting quality teaching and research in basic sciences in collaboration with other scientific agencies in the Xth Plan. The proposal is being examined by the Government.

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611. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: